

How a Bill Becomes a Law

First, a bill starts out as a thought in someone's brain. Only a congress member can sponsor it, or make it known. Then it is put in the hopper. Next, the bill clerk assigns the bill a number. The bill is given to the subcommittee and if it makes it through that stage of the process it is in great favor on the house floor. When the bill is ready they take a vote. The vote is yea for yes or nay for no. The bill goes through a similar process in the senate. Then it has to pass in both chambers to be sent to the president. The president can either pass it or veto it. If it is vetoed it is not a law unless it is overridden. If it is passed the bill becomes a law.

